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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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6,765,630	July 20, 2004	Nakajima et al.

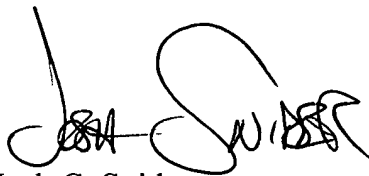
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